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Dancing Toward a DREAM for Louisiana's Youth

Eva Delatte's mission is much larger than a crown

By RYLEY PEREZ • Tangi Times A.C.E.

Photo by Randy Bergeron

Eva Delatte isn't just wearing a crown – she's wearing the weight of a mission. As the 85th Miss Southeastern, crowned on January 31, 2025, Eva has been anything but idle. With over 55 public appearances under her belt, she's transformed the title from a pageant win into a platform for purpose, advocacy, and education reform.

A mere eight hours after she accepted her crown, she appeared at her first event, Champagne Bingo with Southeastern's Felines organization. Eva immediately knew this would be more than a ceremonial role. "It's a lifestyle at this point," she says. "It's not even a full-time job but a way of living."

That way of living includes championing the revitalization of performing arts in public education, a cause rooted in both personal experience and pressing cultural need.

A platform born from a pandemic pause

Eva's community service initiative, or CSI, focuses on advocating for the return and expansion of performing arts in Louisiana's public schools. The seeds of this mission were planted during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Eva, a high school student deeply involved in theater and choir, watched her opportunities vanish almost overnight. "Everything I had done came to a stop," she explains. "And it never really revamped itself."

Post-pandemic, Eva noticed a continued decline in engagement with the performing arts. She believes this void is contributing to a broader societal problem: a lack of community connection. "We've gotten so much into technology that we've lost all community connection, and I believe that the performing arts is one of those ways that we can reconnect with one another by going out to see performances."

Bringing the audience back

Eva is determined to rebuild that lost bridge between performers and audiences. As Miss Southeastern, she makes regular appearances at theater events and school performances across Tangipahoa Parish. Her presence isn't just symbolic – she's actively shaping how young students perceive the arts.

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LIONS DEFEAT TIGERS IN POSTSEASON CLAW BITER

By TOMMY HAZLEWOOD • Tangi Times Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, the Southeastern Lady Lion softball team earned "Cinderella" status in an NCAA Regional. A year ago, Coach Rick Fremin's club made the postseason for the first time and opened some eyes with a pair of wins over an Atlantic Coast Conference power, the Clemson Tigers in Tuscaloosa, AL. SLU found themselves playing on Sunday with a chance to advance to the Super Regional.

This year, it was more of the same, but a lot closer to home. These Tigers were wearing orange and hailed from the Louisiana State Capital.

On Friday, the Lady Lions headed west to take part in the Baton Rouge Regional, squaring off with the host LSU Tigers. Home losses don't happen very often in Tiger Park. Southland schools beating the Purple and Gold is pretty rare, and number one seeded teams falling in the opener – well, that's about as common as a left-handed catcher.

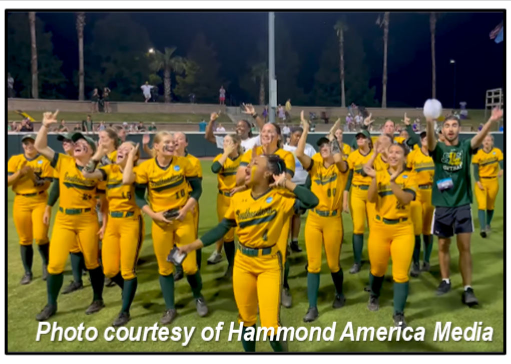
Photo courtesy of Hammond America Media

The contest was the 26th between the two, with the tenth ranked Tigers holding a 25-1 edge. It looked early on that the trend would continue, but like in the story of David and Goliath, there was a giant upset, as the ladies from Hammond erased a 3-run deficit and advanced to the second round with a 4-3 shocker.

Southeastern was held scoreless until the top of the third when Parkview Baptist product Maddie Watson showed off in front of her hometown crowd, doubling to left to drive in former STA Lady Falcon, Brilee Broussard for the Lady Lions first run. SLU cut it to one later in the third on a Kailey Dixon fielder's choice that plated pinch runner Breanna Fontenot.

Then the visitors tied things up when Colleen Kulivan scored on a wild pitch to close out the third. That's the way it would stay until the top of the seventh.

After two straight outs to start the frame, Maria Detillier took a base after being hit by a pitch. Two tosses later, Cydnee Schneider etched her name into the hearts of Southeastern fans everywhere when the southpaw backstop singled to right center to drive in

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Never forget the real meaning of Memorial Day

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By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Swampies, I know that many of you are gearing up for the holiday weekend, preparing your grills, finding Memorial Day sales, or whatever else you like to do when Monday isn't a workday. But Old Hardhide wants to remind everyone that we observe Memorial Day because so many brave men and women died for us to have this holiday. Here's a reminder:

Memorial Day is a solemn American holiday dedicated to honoring the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Observed on the last Monday of May, it is a time for reflection, remembrance, and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice made by service members throughout the nation's history.

The holiday began after the Civil War as a way to honor Union soldiers who had fallen in battle. Over time, it evolved to commemorate all military personnel who died in service to the country. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress and its observance was fixed to the final Monday in May, creating a three-day weekend for many Americans.

Memorial Day is a day to visit cemeteries and memorials and pause for a moment of silence at 3:00pm local time during the National Moment of Remembrance. These acts of remembrance help ensure that the sacrifices of fallen heroes are not forgotten.

Memorial Day reminds us of the cost of freedom and the courage of those who have laid down their lives in defense of the nation. It invites every American to reflect on the values of service, duty, and patriotism. While the long weekend often brings family gatherings and recreational activities, its true purpose is to honor those who gave everything for the country they loved.

So while you're enjoying the day off, please pause for a moment to think about the people we have to thank for the freedom we all love. And don't forget to throw a burger on the grill for your favorite gator narrator!

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The inventor of Pop Rocks in his original pitch to the General Foods candy division: Sugar has worked well for you guys so far, but if we're going to take it to the next level, it needs to detonate.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

As Mayor of this proud city, it brings me immense joy to recognize the Ponchatoula High School graduating class of 2025 — the largest in our school's history, with 500 remarkable students crossing the stage. This milestone represents more than just numbers; it is a testament to the resilience, dedication, and brilliance of our young people and the educators and families who support them.

This year's graduates have left an indelible mark on our community. Collectively, they were awarded an astounding $5.8 million in accepted scholarships — a reflection of both their academic excellence and the trust institutions across the nation have in the future of our youth.

Among them, 49 students earned advanced credentials, one completed a prestigious internship with Southland Steel, and another completed the rigorous LSU STEM Pathway program. These are not just personal achievements, but investments in the economic and innovative future of Ponchatoula.

Academic excellence was on full display this year:

- *87 CLEP hours and 2,352 dual enrollment hours were earned.*
- *One student achieved 13 straight years of perfect attendance — a rare and admirable feat.*
- *One student graduated from Northshore Technical Community College with an associate's degree, earning their high school diploma and college degree simultaneously.*
- *Two students completed the FIRE/EMT program, stepping into public service roles that protect and serve our community.*

Please see MAYOR'S MESSAGE on Page 4 for more exciting accomplishments.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

Spiritual Petition

God, thank you for this simple reminder today. Help me to live my life in a way that is worthy of being replicated by those around me. Help me to lead by example in the way that I treat and interact with others.

Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

Dubious News

Hello friends!
Life tip: always read the fine print –
especially if it's written on April Fool's Day.
Back in April 2001, a Hooters restaurant ran a beer sales contest promising the top-selling waitress a brand-new Toyota.
Jodee Berry crushed the competition and was ready to drive off into the sunset–until her "Toyota" turned out to be… a Toy Yoda.
Yes, Berry was given an action figure of the wise little Jedi from Star Wars.
The managers laughed, said "April Fools!"
But Jodee wasn't feeling the Force.
She took them to court for breach of contract and fraud and didn't even need Jedi training to win. The settlement she received was enough to buy herself a real Toyota – no lightsaber required.
Never let someone from "the Dark Side" cheat you out of a promise.
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Friday, May 23
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Friday Funday Storytime
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Friday, May 23
1pm
Movie Day
Audubon Regional Library
Greensburg

Friday May 23 – Sunday May 25
11 am
Crusin' Da Bayou Car Show
Tickfaw River Village Campground
29388 LA -22, Springfield

Friday May 23 – Sunday May 25
Memorial Swap Pop Music Festival
Hidden Oaks Campground
21544 US-190, Hammond

Saturday May 31
8am – 12pm
Mystic Cruisin' Auto Car Show
Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce
N 6th Street, Ponchatoula

Saturday May 31
9 pm
Gnarly Prom
Gnarly Barley Brewing
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Who Tied the Knot?

Morgan Reneé Sloan, daughter of Charles Vincent Jr. and Constance Sloan of Springfield, and Matthew Benjamin Guillot, son of Benjamin Joseph Jr. & Sandra Guillot of Ponchatoula, were married on Friday, May 16, 2025, in Albany.

TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Southeastern Louisiana University has been selected as a recipient of the University Affiliate Grant by Keep Louisiana Beautiful, the state's premier anti-litter and community improvement organization. The $5,000 grant will support Southeastern's Water Bottle Refill Stations project, an initiative to educate and engage students, faculty, staff, and administration to reduce the amount of disposable drinking containers and make healthier drink choices. "Litter, specifically single-use containers, generates a large amount of waste that can be avoided by reusing drinking containers," said Southeastern Director of Physical Plant Chris Asprion. "The choice to refill drinking containers lowers the amount of waste going to landfills, as well as the amount of litter generated – litter that could find its way into storm drains, ditches, canals, and other waterways." The University Affiliate Grant program was developed as part of a $500,000 five-year EPA Gulf of Mexico Trash-Free Waters Grant secured in 2021 by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with Keep Louisiana Beautiful as a sub-recipient. The funding has created and launched the University Affiliate program, developed a litter assessment app, developed educational training videos for campus communities, and provided grant opportunities for University Affiliates. The program responds to a growing interest in sustainability, waste reduction, and litter prevention at the university level.

Laine Lonero of Ponchatoula achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Kaylee Stewart of Ponchatoula was named to the President's List at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS. Brayden Thompson of Ponchatoula was named to the Dean's List at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS. Kolby Smith of Hammond has been named to the President's List at Chadron State College in Chadron, NE.

Tangipahoa Parish law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice were remembered and honored at the Peace Officer Memorial ceremony at SLU on Thursday, May 15. On behalf of the TPSO, Sheriff Gerald Sticker represented the seven dedicated TPSO deputies who lost their lives in the line of duty. Sticker said we miss them, thank them, and will never forget our heroes.

There will be intermittent and alternating lane closures @ LA 1053 northbound from US 51 to the Mississippi state line, beginning on Monday, May 19, 2025, through Sunday, June 22, 2025, weather permitting, while crews perform patching and spot repairs. The following alternate routes may be used to avoid the construction zone: Motorists traveling LA 1053 north may take US 51 North to MS 568 west, to MS 923, then South to re-intersect LA 1053. Motorists traveling LA 1053 south may take MS 923 north to MS 568 east, US 51, then south to re-intersect LA 1053. NO WIDE LOADS OVER TWELVE FEET ALLOWED.

There will be intermittent and alternating nightly lane closures in Tangipahoa Parish, I-12 Westbound and I-12 Eastbound, 8pm to 6pm, beginning on Friday, May 16, 2025, through Sunday, May 25, 2025, weather permitting, while crews perform patching and spot repairs. The work will include the section of I-12 between the Livingston Parish and St. Tammany Parish lines. The following alternate routes may be used to avoid the construction zone: Motorists traveling I-12 west may take LA 1077 north to US 190 west, to LA 43, then South to re-intersect I-12. Motorists traveling I-12 east may take LA 43 north to US 190 east, to LA 1077, then south to re-intersect I-12. There are no restrictions for oversized loads.

Southeastern University will implement Okta, an identity assurance service, to enhance security in its online environment for students, as well as faculty, staff, and administration.

The final week of school is upon us, and Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller says road construction is gearing up for the summer break. Miller said Barriere Construction has multiple crews scheduled to work in the following areas during the week of May 19: Soil cement operations are scheduled for Chappepeela, Chemekette, Gemstone, and Jaelyn; Preliminary asphalt patching is scheduled on Pardo, West Black Cat, Mandella, West Martin Luther King, Perry Lane, Frank Lane, Trabona, and South Lewiston; Asphalt paving will be placed on Calvary, North Billville, East Park, Briarwood, Arbordale, Oak

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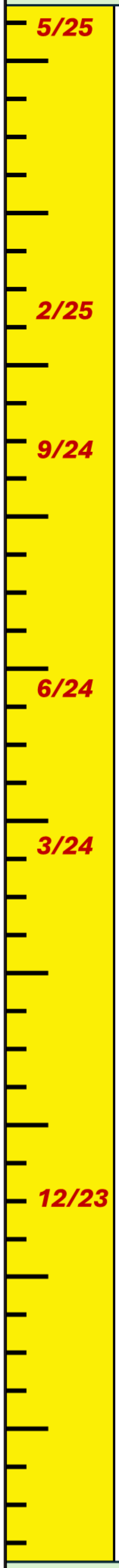

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Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!

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Talk of the Town!
What is a component of a food item that most people throw out but you eat/drink?

Becky Slaughter
Ponchatoula

Fried chicken skin. That's the whole point of fried chicken. Duh.

Carol Johnson
Tickfaw

I love to save the juice from canned fruit! It's delicious to drink by itself or to mix a cocktail!

George Anthon
Hammond

I freeze veggie scraps then once or twice a year make vegetable stock or add turkey or venison for those stocks.

Jamie McDonald
Montpelier

Heads from softshell shrimp or crawfish. I thought it looked gross the first time, but then I was hooked!

Jess Clark
Ponchatoula

The tallow from ground beef!

Morgen Muffel
Independence

I never peel my potatoes. I always leave the skins on, even for potato salad.

Mylinda DuRousseau
Greensburg

Pepperoncini juice! It is great on pork!

Phillip Colwart
Hammond

Pickle juice! Instant cure for leg cramps. I also keep duck fat - duck fat is fantastic for cooking eggs and lots of things.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Jeanie Holmes Jenny Fore
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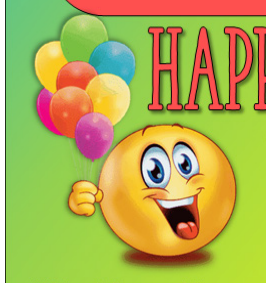

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Economic Development Week Proclamation

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Parish President Robby Miller (right) and Council President David Vial (left) presented a proclamation declaring the Week of May 12 as Economic Development Week in Tangipahoa Parish. Economic Development Director Ginger Cangelosi (center) accepted the proclamation on behalf of her office and the Tangipahoa Economic Development Foundation Board, which is comprised of business leaders from across the parish who volunteer their time to help promote Tangipahoa as a place where companies want to move, grow, and thrive.

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Second Arrest Made in Connection with April Kentwood-Area Homicide

From TPSO

The sister of a murder suspect has been taken into custody for her efforts to help him avoid arrest for that crime.

Terrika Michelle Wilkinson, 38, was located by the U.S. Marshal's Service in Pike County, MS, this past week. She is in the process of being transported to the Tangipahoa Parish Jail to be booked on one count of Obstruction of Justice.

Wilkinson was wanted for helping her brother, Willie Wells, avoid capture for his involvement with the shooting death of 42-year-old Antonio Famularo at a home on Mount Hennan Cut Road in the Kentwood area on April 5.

During the investigation, Wells was spotted on April 17th by law enforcement and an attempt to take him into custody led to a pursuit and hours-long manhunt. It is believed that Wilkinson assisted Wells to avoid capture during this incident.

On May 3, a tip about Wells' whereabouts at a home in the Village of Tangipahoa led to his arrest by a TPSO K-9 team.

The TPSO thanks the public for its assistance with this extensive case and sends appreciation to the U.S. Marshal's Service for their continued partnership.

MAYORS MESSAGE

FROM PAGE 2

The accolades don't stop there. We saw 33 Summa Cum Laude graduates, one National Merit Scholarship semifinalist, and an impressive number of students scoring high on the ACT — with 20 students earning a 30 or above paired with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and 18 more earning a 27 or higher. These scores are not only academically significant but also open doors to bright futures.

We are especially proud of the 12 students who have chosen to serve our nation by enlisting in the military. Their commitment reflects the values of service, honor, and courage that define Ponchatoula's spirit.

This class has set the bar high — not just in academics, but in character, ambition, and heart. As mayor, and as a lifelong member of this community, I could not be prouder of what these young people have accomplished.

To the Class of 2025: Ponchatoula stands behind you. We celebrate you today, and we look forward to the amazing things you will do tomorrow.

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Tangipahoa Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Grit & Grace

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Grit & Grace recently celebrated an official ribbon cutting with the Tangipahoa Chamber. Located at 109 W. Thomas St. in Hammond, Grit & Grace offers all-natural health and wellness products, including holistic supplements, non-toxic bath and beauty items, clean home goods, and faith-based gifts.

The Tangi Times congratulates these Perrin ELC Students of the Year

On Thursday, May 15, 2025, Perrin Early Learning Center recognized one student from each classroom with the Student of the Year Award. These exceptional students were chosen by their teachers for emulating Perrin's PAWS Expectations for the whole year by practicing respect, acting responsibly, making wise choices, and ensuring that safety matters. Their parents were invited to celebrate with them as the students received a Student of the Year certificate, a candy bag, cupcakes, a surprise gift, and a prize from the treasure chest. We are so proud of these students for going above and beyond with their Pandarific behavior!

__1st row__: (L to R) Marie Drury, Ximena Almazan, Hayes Bourque, Mahalia Jackson, Bronn Beyl, A'miree Lackey, Ishani Pardia, Jace Thibodeaux
__2nd row__: (L to R) Jakalie Seymore-Smith, Riley Cleveland, Aalia Burton, Paris Warren, Maleigh Anderson, Evelyn Bauers, Abraham Lackey, Arianna Stewart, Mila Granison,
__3rd row__: (L to R) Parker Johnson, Sariah Butler, Principal Lorinda Elzy, Assistant Principal Kelly Mizell, Mariyah Miller, Caylee Thompson

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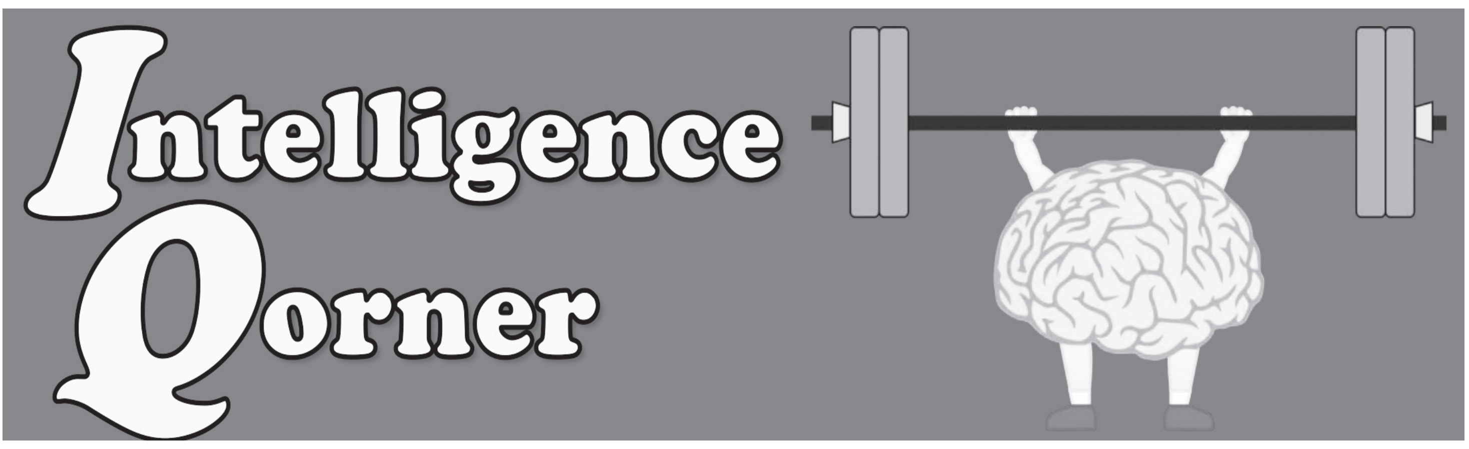

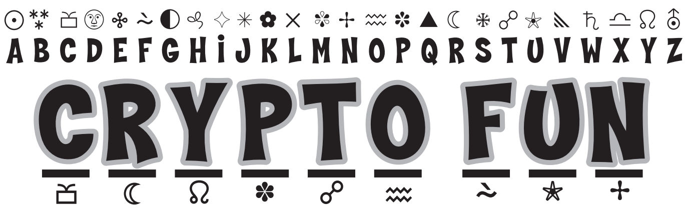

Solve the code to discover words related to skin cancer prevention.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 14 = E)

A. 21 20 23 21 16 15 14 14 23

Clue: Protective product

B. 21 22 6 4 14

Clue: Out of the sun

C. 22 6 13

Clue: Head covering

D. 16 6 20 13 26 3 23

Answers: A. sunscreen B. shade C. hat D. caution

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

ALPHANUMERICS

If A, B, and C are whole numbers,
what number should replace the question mark?

A x B x C = 70

A + B – C = 10

B x C + A = 19

A x C – B = ?

If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to ***publisher@tangitimes.com*** *before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to sun protection.

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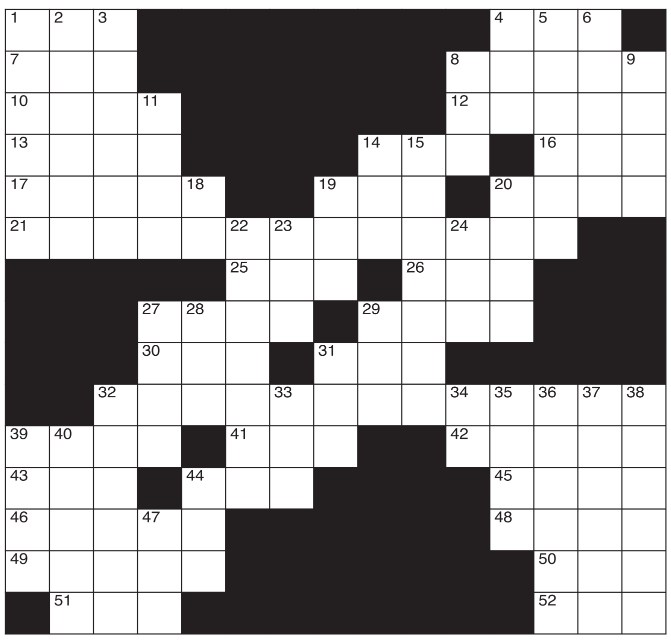
Answer: Cover-up

FUN FACT

Someone who derives pleasure from others' misfortunes is known as a SCHADENFREUDE

CROSSWORD



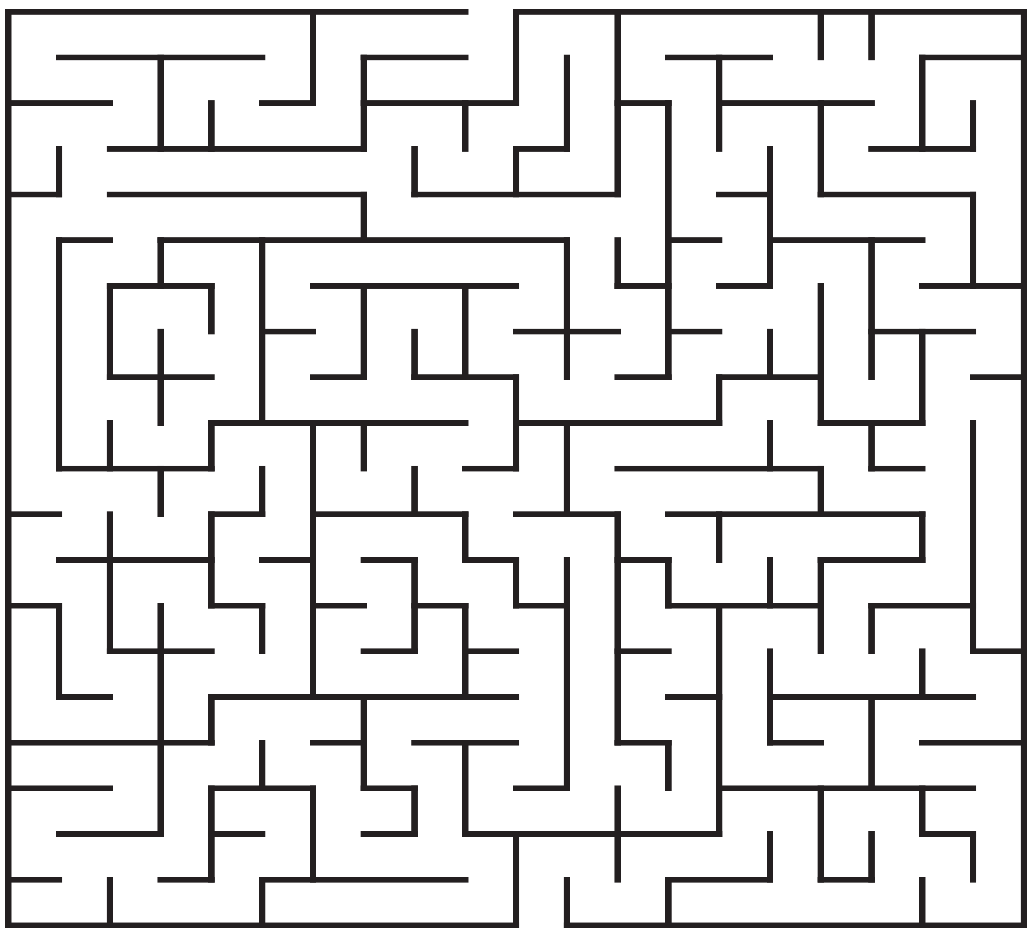
CLUES ACROSS

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
4. British thermal unit
7. Afflict
8. Refrain from harming
10. Galls
12. Leg bone
13. Rhine distributary
14. Recipe measurement
16. Chap
17. Useful book
19. Mountain Time
20. Snakelike fishes
21. Places where people live
25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
26. Periodical
27. A type of sense
29. A way to get possession of
30. Everyone has one
31. Body art
32. Mr. October
39. Abba __, Israeli politician
41. Head movement
42. Jeweled headdress
43. VCR button
44. A way to change color
45. Basketball move
46. Upright stone slab
48. Forest-dwelling monkey
49. Pulsate steadily
50. Negative
51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)
52. Unit of work

CLUES DOWN

1. Island
2. Pittsburgh ballplayer
3. Chemical compound
4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
5. Mesas
6. Wild, long-legged sheep
8. Engine additive
9. "CSI" actor George
11. Stony waste matter
14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis
18. Digraph
19. Married woman
20. Peripheral
22. Northern Italy city
23. Klutz
24. Type of tree
27. Witnessed
28. Popular breakfast food
29. __ Mahal
31. BoSox legend Williams
32. Professional drivers
33. Atom or molecule type
34. The Constitution State
35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)
36. Type of solution
37. Speaker
38. Specifying
39. Formerly (archaic)
40. Wiseman and Krom are two
44. The bill in a restaurant
47. Tennis shot

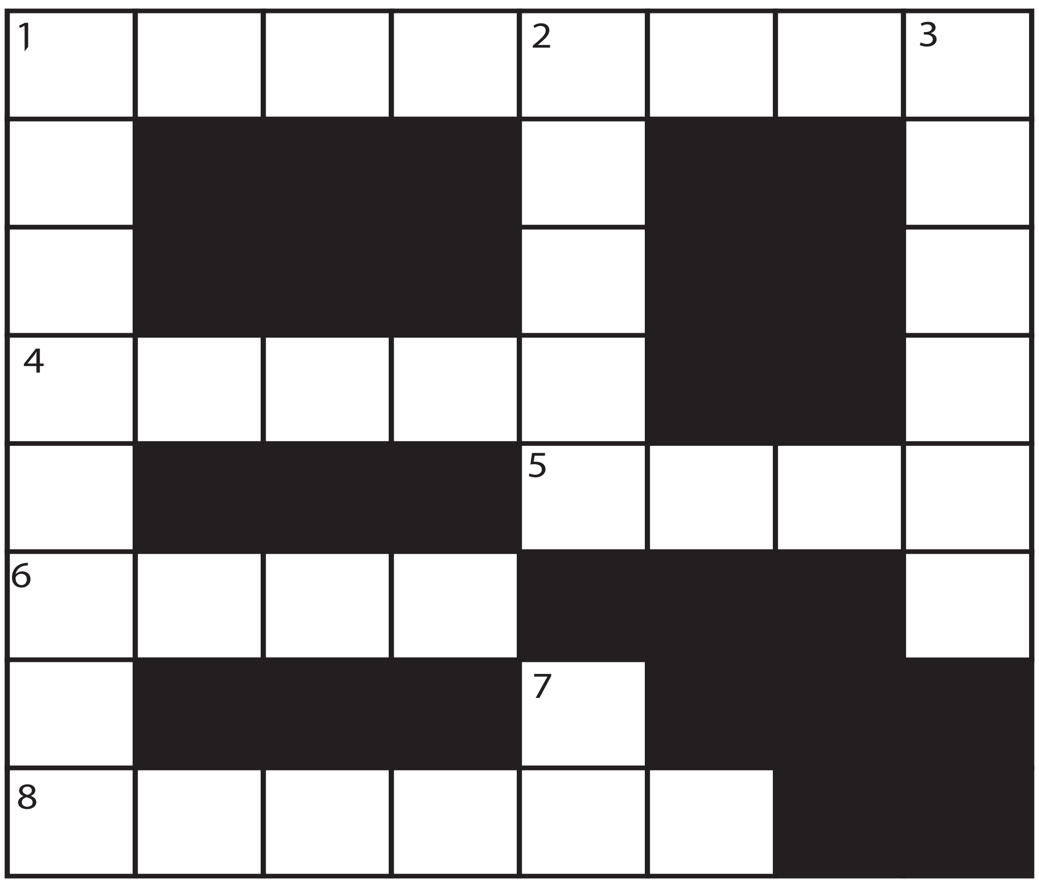
Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am a comedian born in Ohio on May 23, 1958. I was expelled from my university twice for poor academics and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps. After doing stand-up, I landed my own TV show and a spin-off improv show. I then went on to be a game show host.

Answer: Drew Carey



ACROSS

1. Rear of a home
4. Sandy area
5. Rising and falling of the sea
6. Place to pitch a tent

DOWN

1. Style of slow-cooked food
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EVA

FROM PAGE 1

She's also an ambassador for performing arts in Tangi schools, where she performed and spoke at the elementary music festival in March. Her message to students? "Pour your hearts out to the audience. It's really a matter of self-expression."

But Eva's ambitions don't stop at the parish line. Her ultimate goal is to take her platform statewide. "There's no current research about performing arts in Louisiana's public education system," she says. "Everything I've found is from places like New York City. I want to change that."

She envisions launching formal research efforts to assess and improve performing arts education in Louisiana – an ambitious but necessary next step in her journey.

Dance as a lifeline

At the heart of Eva's advocacy is dance. She's been dancing since the age of two and was once on track for a professional career. With over 20 years of experience and 14 years as a competitive dancer, she's explored everything from ballet and tap to African dance and Broadway-style jazz. "My favorite genre is Broadway," she beams. "It's fluid. It changes. It connects with every other art form."

Dance, for Eva, is more than movement – it's an outlet for emotion, a tool for communication, and a means of healing. That's why she wants to see dance programs, and performing arts in general, in every public school. "Statistically, schools with dance programs see a decrease in behavioral issues," she notes. "Kids need a space to channel aggression, emotion, and energy in a positive way."

The DREAM Initiative

Eva's initiative is formally named "The DREAM Initiative" – an acronym for Dance, Rhythm, Expression, Acting, and Music. The name reflects her belief that no dream is too big and that real change starts with bold ideas. "If your dreams don't scare you, then they're not big enough," she says, a quote she lives by but doesn't know who to credit for. "Any time someone says something is impossible, I figure out how to make it possible."

Part of that strategy involves being realistic about the obstacles schools face, especially funding. Eva proposes alternatives to expensive programming, like integrating dance into existing physical education classes or utilizing faculty with hidden talents. "I guarantee you, there's already someone on staff who knows how to sing, dance, or act," she says. "It's about opening minds to what's already there."

She also draws inspiration from former Louisiana First Lady Donna Edwards' "Teach MAM" initiative – Music, Art, Movement – which encourages schools to creatively incorporate the arts without the need for major budget increases.

More than just a crown

Eva is quick to point out that the Miss America system is not just about beauty or glamour. "It's about being a well-rounded woman," she says. The organization emphasizes four core values: style, scholarship, service, and success – each represented by a point on the crown.

"Style is about how you present yourself professionally. Scholarship speaks to education, and Miss America is the number one provider of scholarships for women in the nation. Service is about giving back – what do you want to change about the world? And success is what you make of every opportunity."

For Eva, success is measured not by trophies, but by impact. Her initiative, community work, and advocacy are her way of living those four points to their fullest.

Beyond the stage

In addition to her role as Miss Southeastern, Eva is an English education major and a writer. One of her recent works explores how TLC's 1999 hit "No Scrubs" helped redefine feminism, a piece her professor described as "writing I've never seen before." That validation inspired her to submit the piece to a Southeastern periodical, where it's now set to be published.

Eva's future plans include teaching internationally, continuing to write, and, of course, expanding her performing arts initiative. She's currently preparing for the Miss Louisiana competition in June, where she'll be one of 40 contestants representing their regions and platforms.

Inspiring the next generation

At the core of everything Eva does is a belief in potential – especially that of young people. "I know kids who've told me, 'I wanted to be a dancer, but my mom couldn't afford it,'" she says. "That shouldn't be the end of the story."

She hopes to create a ripple effect starting with local school performances, then community showcases involving multiple departments at Southeastern, and eventually full-scale arts programs integrated into Louisiana's public schools. She's even working to organize a major performance at the Columbia Theatre that would bring together every aspect of the performing arts for students to experience firsthand.

"You can't be inspired by something you've never seen," she says. "My goal is to get kids in those seats and light that spark."

The final bow

Eva Delatte is a dancer, a dreamer, an advocate, and above all, a doer. She's not content to simply wear the crown – she wants it to mean something. Through her passion, energy, and tireless advocacy, she's leading a movement that could reshape arts education in Louisiana. And if her track record is any indication, she won't stop until every child has the chance to dance, act, sing, or play – on a stage of their own.

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Public Notices

NOTICE

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Chief's Pub on Pine, LLC
d/b/a Chief's Pub on Pine
Dennis Peevey
Stuart Murphy

TOWN OF KENTWOOD

TOWN OF KENTWOOD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood will hold a public hearing at 5:45 P.M. on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at City Hall, 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA, prior to Town Council Meeting.

This hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to offer comments on and discuss:

Ordinance No. 1 of 2025 (A proposed Ordinance to Declare Parcels of Land Not Needed for Public Purposes and to Abandon an Alley in Block 39).

Mayor Irma Gordon
Town of Kentwood, LA
985-229-3451
Publish in the Tangi Times on May 14, May 21, and May 28, 2025 Cost of Notice: $16.10

Town of Kentwood – Notice to Bidders
Sealed Bids-Official Journal

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Kentwood will accept sealed bids from local newspapers to serve as the Official Journal for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Sealed bids will be opened at our Regular Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Kentwood City Hall, located at 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA. 70444, at which time no further proposals will be accepted.

Sealed bids will be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 5, 2025.

The Town of Kentwood, through the Mayor and Council, reserve the right to accept or reject any bids.

Fredrika Ruffin
Town Clerk
Publish in the Tangi Times May 14, 21, and 28, 2025. Cost of Notice: $18.40

CITY OF PONCHATOULA

CITY OF PONCHATOULA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting was held Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall in Ponchatoula, LA.

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order and Mrs. James gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Jeff Wright, Roslind Batiste, Danny Elstrott, Melvin Toomer, Vergil Sandifer

Public Input –

Mrs. Batiste motioned to accept the minutes of the April regular meeting. Mr. Elstrott second the motion which carried with all present in favor.

Mayor Daniels noted that the Building, Downtown, Fire, and Police reports are in the council packets.

Mayor Daniels advised monthly Financials are in their packets.

Mayor Daniels noted

Mr. Wright introduced and called for a public hearing on June 9, 2025 for an Ordinance Levying a Tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Ponchatoula for the year 2025

Mrs. Batiste introduced and called for a public hearing on June 9, 2025 for an Amendment to Ordinance 818 – An Ordinance adopting an annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Mr. Elstrott introduced and called for a public hearing on June 9, 2025 for an Ordinance adopting an annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Mrs. Batiste introduced and called for a public hearing on June 9, 2025 for an Ordinance approving a 25-year Franchise Agreement between the City of Ponchatoula and Entergy Louisiana LLC.

Mr. Sandifer introduced and called for a public hearing on June 9, 2025 for an Amendment to Ordinance 806 Setting the Salaries for the Elected Officials.

Mr. Wright introduced and called for a public hearing on June 9, 2025 for an Amendment to Ordinance 800 Setting the Salaries for the Appointed Officials.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a public hearing where Mr. John Jackson is requesting to appeal the Consolidated Board's denial for a Billboard Variance. Mr. Jackson spoke to the Council about his plans for the new Billboard that will be located at 123 W I 55 Service Road. After discussion, Mr. Elstrott motioned to approve the request. Motion second by Mr. Toomer. Motion passed with Batiste, Elstrott and Toomer for. Wright and Sandifer against.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to the Resolution to approve the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report. Mr. Sandifer motion to pass the Resolution. Motion second by Mrs. Batiste. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a Resolution for an Intergovernmental Service Agreement with Tangipahoa Water District. After discussion, Mr. Toomer Motioned to pass the Resolution. Motion second by Mrs. Batiste. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to a Resolution giving Authorization to the City Clerk to Execute the necessary documents regarding the acquisition of the property located off Hwy 51 North. After discussion Mr. Wright motioned to pass the Resolution. Motion second by Mr. Sandifer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor to the appointment of the Civil Service Board member that was to be selected by the Govern Authority. The City Clerk provided an email received from Kelly Treas expressing interest in servicing on the body. After, discussion Mrs. Batiste motioned to appoint Kelly Treas. Motion second by Mr. Wright. Motion passed with Wright, Batiste, Elstrott and Sandifer for. Mr. Toomer abstained.

Mayor Daniels called for Officials Rights of Personal Privilege.

Mr. Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48p.m., which was seconded by Mrs. Batiste. Motion passed with all present voting in favor.

****UNOFFICIAL****

J. Wesley Daniels, Mayor
Nikki James, City Clerk Cost of Notice: $80.64

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

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s/Nikki James, City Clerk Cost of Notice: $14.40

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s/Nikki James, City Clerk
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Obituaries

JANET VOORHIES

Janet Voorhies

Janet Voorhies' sun rose on February 7, 1951 in Hammond, Louisiana, and set on April 16, 2025, in Hurricane Hole, Nassau Bahamas.

She is survived by her husband Phil Ekinia, her dog "pup pup", adopted son James Young, her brothers Samuel Voorhies and Martin Morgan, stepfather Charles Morse, her (as she liked to call her) niece, Jennifer Bankston Milordis alongside husband Daniel and daughter Kayleigh Milordis as well as close cousins Joy Johnson, Aubrey Bankston, Nicole Chavez, Lou Voorhies and lifelong friend Camilla Phillips, in addition to many more cousins.

She is preceded in death by her previous partner Keith, mother Laura Morse, and cousins Karen Young and Jimmy Bankston.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service at New Beginnings Ministry (Happywoods) 42418 S. Range Rd. on May 31, 2025, at 11:00am to be followed by shared memories, food and laughter.

Janet enjoyed playing pokeno with her friends, especially Lisa! She enjoyed boating with her husband, fishing, LSU, football, especially anything Phil would whip up in the kitchen and her beloved dogs.

"In the end, she was muggle bound on the Caribbean Sound". May she rest in paradise.

M/V Shenanigans

Betty Hickerson; 75; May 9; viewing will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home, 87 Paddio Johnson Ln., Greensburg, LA 70441, at 10am until the religious service at 11am.

Mark B. Stanton; 67; Ponchatoula; May 11; survived by his wife, Debbie Stanton; children, Jason Stanton, Jesse Stanton (Sally), and Lyndsey Lisotta (Kevin); brothers, David Stanton (Lisa), Paul Stanton (Charmaine), and Michael Stanton (Christy); grandson, Rowan Lisotta; and many family members and friends.

Johnny René Segrest; 66; Hammond; May 12; survived by his wife, Jennifer Smith Segrest; son, Johnny Austin Segrest; and numerous cousins.

Jeanette Relan; 84; Amite; May 15; survived by her children, BimBo Relan, Kalola Harrelson (Mike), and Tony Relan; grandchildren, Chance Relan, Denver Harrelson, Lundyn Harrelson, Kiley Harrelson, Jolene Relan, and Dakota Settoon; great-granddaughter, Naomi Harrelson; sister-in-law, Margaret Relan; and good friend, Wanda Donovan.

Maurice Jay Bridges; 80; Kentwood; May 15; survived by his wife, Judy Bridges; daughters, Debra "Dede" Bridges (Alton), Johna Blades (Cody), and Montana Pilcher (Kenny); grandchildren, Erin (Derrick), Zach (Emma), Sunni (Braxton), Adriohna "AJ", Curtis, Dalton, Bristol, Kaiden, Kaige, Koby, Martena "Tena", Harlee (BreAnna), and Heather (Dennis); and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Kevin Eric Kennedy; 65; Springfield; May 15; survived by his wife, Marilyn Kennedy; mother, Frances "Alene" Kennedy; children, Sherie Miller (Brad), Zebulun Kennedy (Blythe), and Tylon Kennedy; grandchildren, Judah, Macayen, Adara, Justice, and Liberty; brother, Keith Kennedy (Ruby); sister, Theresa Kennedy; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and close friends.

Patricia Marie Davis; 84; Ponchatoula; May 16; survived by her sons, Bobby Davis, Douglas Davis, and Eric Davis; grandchildren, Kristen, Cody, Logan, Kacy, Amanda, Bubba, and Jennifer; many great-grandchildren; and sister, Katherine Jackson.

Sylvia Thompson Misita; 89; Independence; May 16; survived by her daughter, Susan Misita Petty (Spurgeon); sons, John (Cindy) and Anthony Misita; grandchildren, Jennifer, Joseph, Micah, Kaci, Nicholas, and Austin; and great-grandchildren, Aidan, Mary, Denton, Benjamin, Marcelle, Luke, Drew, Ava, and Landon.

Huey J. Hoover; 91; Hammond; May 16; survived by his loving wife, Susan D. Hoover; daughter, Melissa L. Hoover; son, Bradley J. Hoover; sister, Elizabeth H. Emerton (Bill); and grandson, Jakob C. Hoover.

Charles Richard Bass; 97; Hammond; May 17; survived by his loving wife, Billie Jean Bass; son, Rick Bass (Theresa); grandchildren, Lane Bass, Kristi Bass, Lauren Bass Edwards (Chris), Rachel Bass Stevens (Will), and Troy Bass (Rebecca); and ten great-grandchildren.

Joseph Alfred Tartamella; 89; Hammond; May 17; survived by his son, Chris Tartamella (Teresa); and grandchildren, Kailee Tartamella, Tristyn Tartamella, Ansley Hebert, Ashlynn Picou, and Alexandra Picou.

Mary Ann Thibodeaux Retires After 56 Years of Service

Wayne-Sanderson Farms is celebrating the remarkable 56-year career of Mary Ann Thibodeaux, the company's longest-tenured employee at the time of her retirement. Mary Ann recently retired from our Hammond, Louisiana complex after more than five decades of loyal service, during which she witnessed decades of transformation across the company and the poultry industry.

In a time when careers often span just a few years, Mary Ann Thibodeaux stands out. After 56 years of dedication to Wayne-Sanderson Farms, Mary Ann recently retired from the Hammond Complex, capping off a legacy defined by loyalty, adaptability, and heart.

Her journey began in 1969 with Louisiana Hatchery and Dairy Fresh, where she worked as a receptionist. When Wayne-Sanderson Farms acquired the company in 1974, Mary Ann transitioned into a cost accounting role and never looked back. "I'm glad they kept me in mind when they offered me the job," she once shared. "I'm hoping that my record stood behind that."

Throughout her career, Mary Ann adapted to sweeping changes – from manual timecards to digital systems and from regional operations to the national reach of Wayne-Sanderson Farms. Her most recent role as an accounts payable clerk made her a go-to resource for coworkers navigating payroll or simply needing a listening ear. "I hope I made their life a little easier when they came to me with a problem," she said.

Her impact reached beyond her role. "She's the kind of person who makes a lasting impact just by doing things the right way, every day," said Hammond Operations Manager Brandon Macloud. "Mary Ann is more than a coworker – she's family."

As we celebrate her retirement, we honor the values she embodied every day: integrity, resilience, and a genuine care for others. Mary Ann's story is a testament to what it means to build a career with purpose and heart.

TANGI GUMBO

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Hollow, and Holly; Milling operations will begin on Briarwood, Whiskey Lane, Whitmar, New Genessee, West Black Cat, West MLK, Oak Hollow, Holly, Whiskey Lane, and Trabona; Shoulder dressing will continue on Old Covington, Crisp, Gatlin, Lark, Cottonwood, Webb, Amelia, Gatlin, South I-12 Service Road, Shaffer, Calvary, South Pine, East Illinois, and North Billville. All work is weather permitting, and intermittent delays should be expected. Motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes if possible.

Officers will carry the "Flame of Hope" for Special Olympics Louisiana throughout the New Orleans Area this week. Law Enforcement Officers from agencies across the state will be participating to bring awareness to Special Olympics Louisiana and the upcoming State Summer Games. The Greater New Orleans Area leg of the Louisiana Law Enforcement Torch Run details: East St. Tammany Parish on May 20 at 9:00am starting at Covenant Baptist Church, 89- Robert Blvd., Slidell; West St. Tammany Parish on May 22 at 10:00am will start at – Pontchartrain Yacht Club, 140 Jackson Ave., Mandeville; Tangipahoa Parish on May 23, at 8:00am will start at – Strawberry Stadium, Ned McGhee Dr., Hammond. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is an international series of torch relays, run by law enforcement officers leading up to each state or nation's Special Olympics Summer Games. The Special Olympics Louisiana State Summer Games will be held May 23rd-25th on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. The final leg of the run will take place at Southeastern Louisiana University and conclude at Opening Ceremonies at the Southeastern Track Complex at 7pm on May 23rd. All Law Enforcement Torch Run events are open to the public. For more information about this run, the final leg run, or the 2025 State Summer Games, please log onto www.specialolympicsla.org.

Horoscopes

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3rd week of May

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Telling the truth has always come naturally to you, Aries. But tact isn't always your specialty and sometimes your candor is now well-received. Keep that in mind this week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It is time to make peace with someone even if it is the last thing you want to do this week, Taurus. There is no better option thank to talk it out, so schedule that chat as soon as possible.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Sometimes there is nothing you like more than being silly with other kindred spirits who get you, Gemini. But you're in a different mood this week and it might feel unfamiliar to you.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

It is fair to say this week that you desire some time alone and maybe need it as well, Cancer. Take some time for yourself and let others know you're going off the grid.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, although your first inclination might be to get into a war of words with someone with whom you disagree, this week you might want to try a different approach. Remain open to others' views.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You might be tired of recent drama in your life, Virgo. But if you dig deeper, you might find that you have contributed to the noise. Make some meaningful changes this week.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Your negotiation skills are well-known, Libra, and you're usually the first person anyone thinks of when they need a third party to help them smooth over a situation. Enjoy the attention.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, even if someone is pushing your buttons this week, you won't let that get in the way of doing something for this person because they are dear to you.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You are no stranger to good luck, Sagittarius. This week that luck will be shared with people who cross your path. They will appreciate the fortune.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Expect to experience a strong feeling of wanderlust this week, Capricorn. You may find it challenging to pass up a trip or a new experience of any kind.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, right now the old adage that if you ignore it, it will go away might not hold true. Failing to face something right now may not be the best approach.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You are ready to share secrets with a soulmate, Pisces. The challenge lies in trying to find the time when you are alone to have this important conversation.

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Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE
with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

My Thoughts this Week in the Real Estate World

BY STACEY LEVIN
Tangi Times Technical Contributor

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

Y'all… it is a rollercoaster out there. And not the smooth, steel kind with padded seats. I'm talking wooden track, neck-snapping, squeaky-wheeled madness. Every day is completely different.

One day, I'm on top of the world thinking, "The market is finally getting better!" and the next day thinking about updating my resume.

It's scary out there. The government is making changes faster than I can keep up, and although I can see the light shining in the tunnel, we are still very much in the tunnel.

Now, I'm blessed. I know without a doubt that God is my provider, not the real estate market. But even knowing that, running on this real estate hamster wheel day in and day out can be downright exhausting. Let me tell you what they've always taught us in this business: "The price and the location are the only two factors when selling a home." And since you can't pick your house up and move it to a better zip code, it always comes back to price, right? Well, not in today's market.

I listed a home two weeks ago at what I called a "quick sale price." It was way below what I initially told the sellers it could sell for, but they had found another home they loved and needed to move fast. So, we agreed on the price and waited for the showing requests to roll in.

And waited. And waited some more. Not even one showing in two weeks.

I was gearing up to have "the talk" with them—you know, the one… "Let's lower the price and see what happens." The crazy thing is, they would've agreed, too, because they had motivation.

But then… miracle!

We finally got a showing request, and would you believe it—the agent brought me an offer over asking price! Why? Because she assumed the home would be in multiple offers since it was priced so low. Y'all, this market is weird.

This is why I keep saying that the real estate market isn't driven by hope right now; it's driven by fear.

There have been so many industries that have started slowly fading because of progress. Remember taxis? They never saw Uber coming.

What about department stores? Macy's, bless her heart. I personally helped put her out of business with my late-night Amazon orders. I'm not even mad about it. Convenience won.

So, is real estate next?

Are real estate agents going to be the next taxi drivers? The next mall Santas? I'm not trying to be dramatic… but maybe.

Think about it, how people buy things today is completely different.

I remember when I bought my first new car. It was a white Toyota Corolla with royal blue cloth interior (don't judge, it was cute back then). My dad came with me and offered the salesman a few thousand dollars less than the sticker price.

The guy looked offended. He went to "talk to his manager," and returned with a slightly better number. My dad stood up, said no, and we walked out.

As we left, my dad whispered, "He's going to call us. Just wait."

He was right. A few hours later, the phone rang, and we bought that car at our price.

Fast-forward to today. Car prices aren't very negotiable anymore unless you're buying off Facebook Marketplace from a guy named Bubba. The same goes for new construction homes. The price is the price. Resales give us room to negotiate, but even that is pretty tight.

This week, I negotiated (couldn't negotiate) a deal in which we were only $5,000 apart and still couldn't get it done.

These days, car salespeople don't chase you across the lot. They post photos, make videos, set appointments, or even bring the car to you. They hustle differently now. They spend time on the phone, responding to ads, following up.

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Dugas Center to Undergo Renovation and Expansion

From Southeastern

Southeastern Louisiana University has partnered with North Oaks Health System through a sponsorship agreement on a project, which will include a major renovation and expansion that will enhance its sports medicine, academic, and athletic facilities, ultimately creating the North Oaks Health System Academic and Athletic Complex. The effort will enhance both the physical facilities and the academic programs that will produce real- world-ready sports medicine employees.

The scope of the project includes the complete renovation of the existing 27,890 square foot, two-story Dugas Center and the construction of a new 25,250 square foot, two-story addition located at the south end zone of Strawberry Stadium. Architects for the project are Gasaway, Gasaway, and Bankston Architects, and the contractor is Voelkel McWilliams.

"We are thrilled to be collaborating with our long-term partners at North Oaks to further enhance our Sports Medicine program," said Southeastern President William S. Wainwright. "The project focuses on creating a versatile environment that supports both academic development and athletic performance."

"At North Oaks, our mission is to improve lives, every time, every touch," shared Michele K. Sutton, FACHE, President and CEO of North Oaks Health System. "This partnership with Southeastern Louisiana University is a powerful example of what can be achieved when local institutions come together with a shared commitment to education, health, and community well-being. The new North Oaks Health System Academic and Athletic Complex will not only support student success but also contribute to a healthier, more vibrant region for all of us for generations to come."

The renovated Dugas Center will provide upgraded administrative offices, a state-of-the-art treatment room, modern classrooms for the growing Masters in Athletic Training program, a student commons area, and an amphitheater designed for academic engagement, presentations, and team meetings. The exterior of the building will also receive a new look to further modernize the facility and tie into the new addition to create an athletic complex.

The entry plaza on Galloway Dr. will feature "Lion Up" sculptural letters, an illuminated entry portal, and sweeping stairs welcoming all visitors to the new complex before entering "The Forum," a covered bridge and stair system connecting the existing and new structures and designed to provide not only circulation but also outdoor gathering and study areas that encourage collaboration and community engagement.

The overall design reflects the university's commitment to providing student athletes with premier facilities that foster academic success and athletic performance.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From May 14, 2025

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The answers to the clues are four-letter words, listed in no particular order. The first and last letters have been preloaded. Fill in the links with the words overlapping by two letters.

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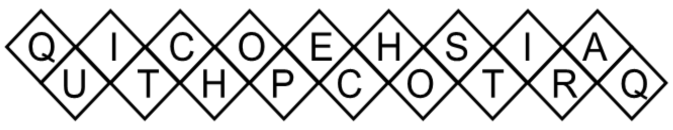

Congratulations to Captain Jim Mascair, Susan Kliebert, and Julie Bruhn for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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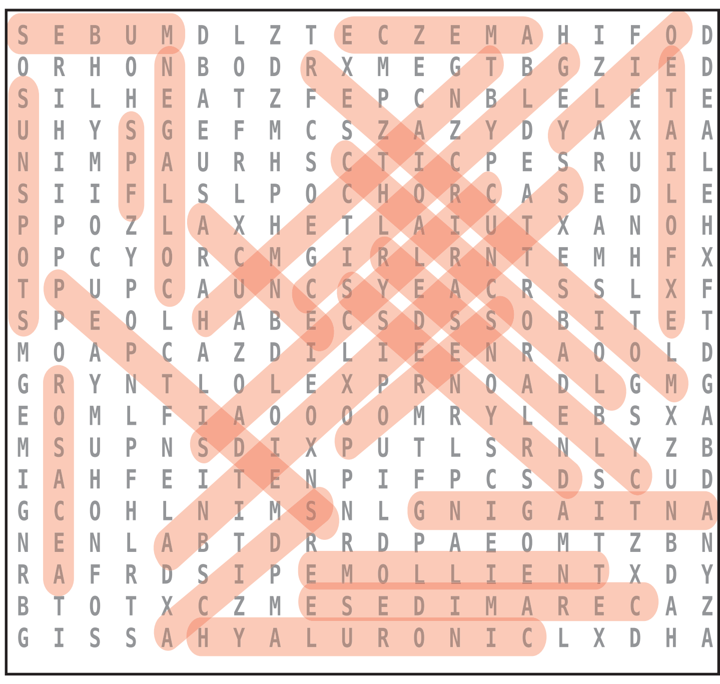

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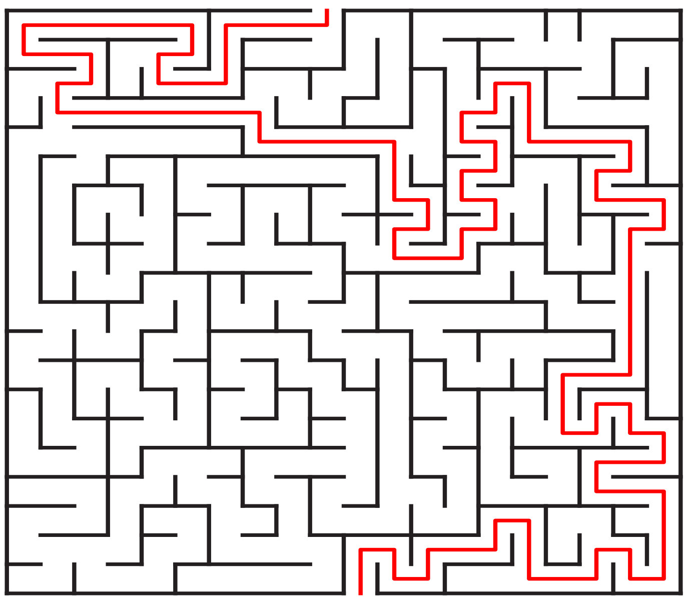

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Mental Health Alertness Workshop

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

In a world that often feels busy and disconnected, taking the time to care for one another can be a powerful act of hope. The Florida Parishes Human Services Authority is offering a special opportunity for people in our community to do just that. On May 29 and 30, they will host a free two-day workshop in Hammond where participants can learn how to recognize signs of someone who may be struggling and offer life-saving help.

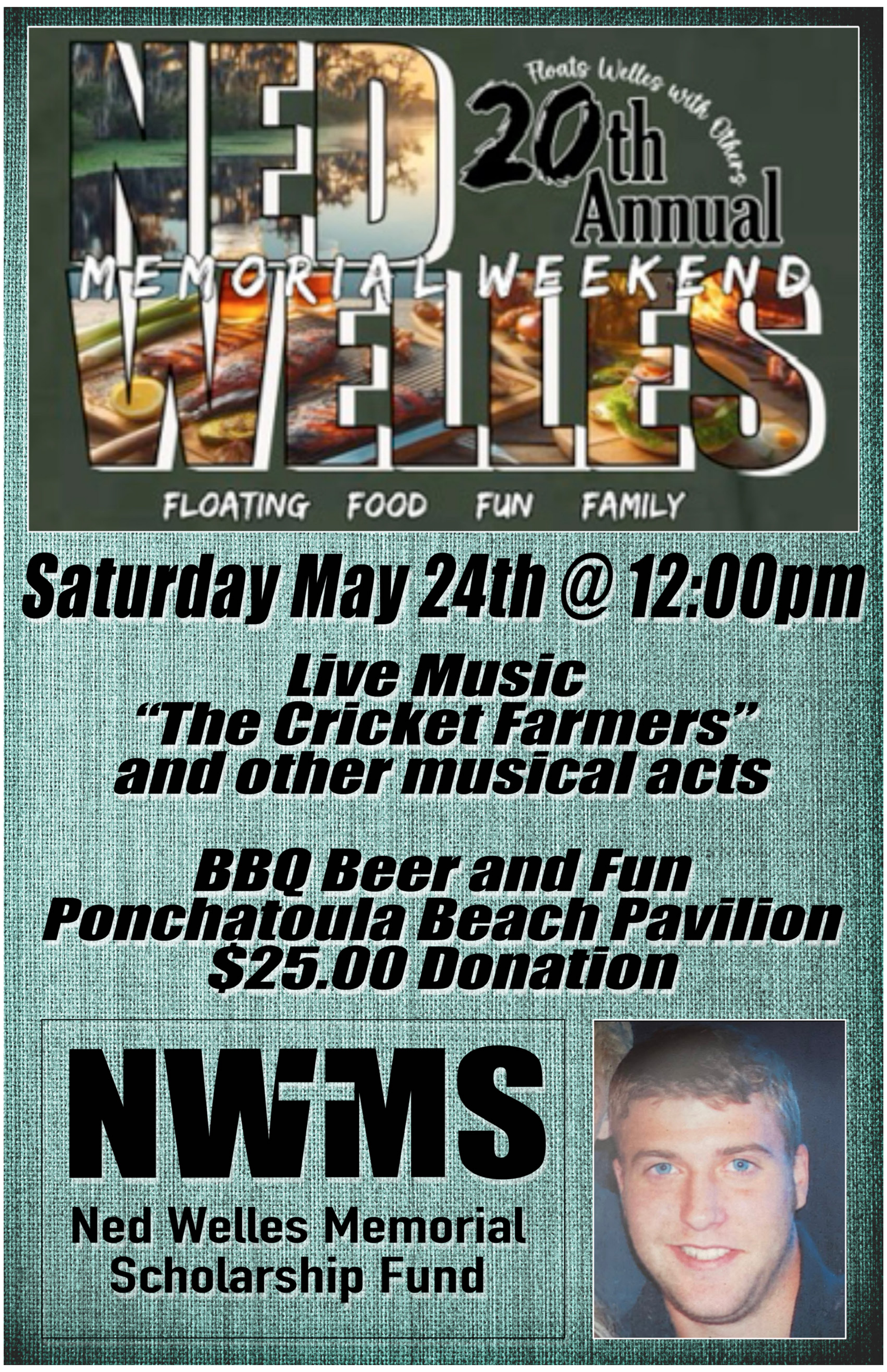
The workshop is called ASIST, which stands for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. It's an internationally recognized program that teaches people how to respond with care and confidence to someone in crisis. Held at the Brent Dufreche Conference Center at 15837 Paul Vega MD Drive, the training will run from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day.

ASIST is designed to be hands-on and supportive, helping participants learn and practice a model for suicide intervention that can truly make a difference. Studies have shown that those who complete the training leave with valuable skills, deeper understanding, and a readiness to reach out. It's not about being a therapist; it's about being a caring person who's prepared to listen and help when it matters most.

While the subject of suicide can be difficult to talk about, it's something that touches many lives. Offering support, showing compassion, and being willing to talk openly about mental health are some of the most meaningful things we can do for each other. ASIST helps bridge that gap by empowering everyday people – teachers, parents, coworkers, friends – with the tools to step in and support someone through a moment of crisis.

This workshop is free and open to anyone, and it's especially valuable for those in helping professions. Social workers can also earn 12.5 CEU hours for attending. To register or ask questions, call 985-543-4333 ext. 1408 or email kasi.silbernagel@fphsa.org.

Together, with a little training and a lot of heart, we can build a stronger, more connected community – one where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.



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More than a Holiday

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Time Community Journalist

Memorial Day is almost here, and you know what that means – barbecues, big sales, backyard slip-and-slides, and if you're lucky, a slice of Aunt Carol's famous flag cake. But before we all cannonball into summer, it's worth pausing for a moment to remember what this red, white, and blue holiday is really all about.

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May, is a time to honor the brave men and women of the U.S. military who died while serving our country. It's not to be confused with Veterans Day (that's in November and celebrates all who served), or Armed Forces Day (that's for folks currently serving). Memorial Day is specifically for remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice – and believe it or not, the holiday has been around longer than many of our favorite condiments.

Originally known as Decoration Day, the tradition began after the Civil War, when families would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, flags, and wreaths. The official birthplace of Memorial Day is hotly debated (over two dozen towns claim the title), but Congress gave the crown to Waterloo, New York, back in 1966. They celebrated the first community-wide Memorial Day in 1866, complete with flags, ceremonies, and probably a fair amount of side-eye from towns that thought they started it first.

Today, most people know Memorial Day as the unofficial start of summer, but it's also a great opportunity to slow down and add some meaning to the long weekend. Want to celebrate in a thoughtful way? Try visiting a local veterans' cemetery to leave flowers or flags. Watch the National Memorial Day Concert (bonus points if you cry respectfully during the trumpet solo). Or just take a quiet moment with your family to talk about what freedom means and who we have to thank for it.

Another quirky tradition? At 3:00pm local time on Memorial Day, a National Moment of Remembrance takes place. No matter where you are, you're encouraged to pause for one minute to reflect and honor those who died. It's like a nationwide group hug – just quieter.

So yes, fire up the grill. Yes, dig out your corny star-spangled apron. But in between the hot dogs and horseshoes, make time to remember the heroes. After all, Memorial Day isn't just about having the day off – it's about remembering those who gave everything so we could.

PONCHATOULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Citywide Yard Sale NOTICE

The official organizer of the Citywide Yard Sale event is now Trails End Antiques. Please contact Brenda at 985.386.5776 for all inquiries, vendor sign-ups, and event details.

Gardenettes Banquet

From the Gardenettes

(Courtesy Photo)

Continuing as president, Susan Pizani, center, directed the Gardenettes' 83rd annual banquet at Murphy's Seafood and Steak Restaurant in Hammond. Shown with her are club members Kathy Bruce and Margaret Bailey.

Gardenettes held their annual banquet at Murphy's Seafood & Steak Restaurant in Hammond in celebration of their 83rd year. Continuing as president, Susan Pizani, held a brief business meeting before making plans for the coming year, which begins in September.

Although the club convenes for the summer, big plans are underway for the annual National Garden Week, June 2-7, when the group gives away free plants, gardening books, and seeds at the Ponchatoula Branch of the Tangipahoa Library System. Chairman Marilyn Wright let members sign up for different days to bring new supplies of these complimentary items.

Pizani went over a list of the awards the club received from both state and regional at last month's Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. Convention, held in Alexandria. Four-time president Vicky Fannaly received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the club was recognized for their third year as first place in Publicity Pressbooks from the Deep South Garden Clubs Inc. All groups are members of National Garden Clubs Inc. Other honors including a cash award for media coverage and a gold seal for Garden Club Achievement, and Arbor Day ceremonies were given to the Gardenettes.

Horticulture chairman Kathy Bruce gave large packs of seeds to members who brought horticulture throughout the year for the club's monthly display and judging. Garden of the Month chairman Darnell Kimber said that Garden of the Month judging would continue during the summer even though the club did not meet during those months.

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Tors Burn Demons in Annual Spring Game

By By MATT GREER
Tangi Times Sportswriter

(Photo by Matt Greer)

The unofficial end of the sports year for Hammond High Magnet School happened on Thursday night, when the Tornadoes hosted Class 4 power Franklinton in the annual spring game. The visiting Demons looked like a team who played in the Superdome in December on their opening series, driving 75 yards to take an early 7-0 in the structured part of the contest.

An interception killed Hammond's first series, and to show that turnabout is fair play, HHMS's Johnny Coleman snagged a Franklinton pass on their second series. Again, the home team was unable to score on the second drive, but the defense came up big on the next FHS possession when Elonte Beauchamp landed a big sack to slam the door on the visitors.

The Tors failed to score in the ensuing third session but stopped Franklinton on fourth with a Josh Luckett interception. The offensive woes continued for the Purple Team from Tangipahoa in session 4, but again, their teammates on the other side of the ball stopped FHS, this time on a sack by Ayden Self on fourth & goal.

The Tor offense struck paydirt on the next drive when Terin Jones hit Israel Luckett on a 20-yard strike to cut the lead to 7-6. The 2-pointer was no good however, and the Demons knocked off the Tors in the structured part of the contest.

The live quarter action, however, was ALL HAMMOND. FHS got the first possession, but HHMS's Solar Tines and Beauchamp collected sacks before Ayden Self recovered a fumble. Coach Dorsett Buckle's club responded with a 75-yard drive that was capped by an 8-yard touchdown run by Jalen Bennett for the 6-0 lead.

The scrappy Demons then drove to the Hammond 42, but Tornado Javion Thomas picked off the pass to kill the threat, taking it back 11 yards into the plus territory. The home team doubled the lead on a 21-yard Jones to "Donut" Monroe scoring strike.

After an FHS three and out, HHMS put the final nail in the coffin on a Zalen Bennett 16-yard TD run. Jones hit Tyler Landry for the conversion to give the Tors a 20-0 win.

Lions Baseball

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

A Southland Conference championship tournament came to a close at Pat Kenelly Diamond at Alumni Field for the Southeastern Lions on Saturday after dropping an 11-8 contest to Northwestern State in the SLC Tournament's Hammond Bracket.

After finishing tied atop the conference and taking the #1 seed via tiebreaker, SLU earned the right to host the 3-day, double elimination event, squaring off on the first night with eventual winner, the University of New Orleans on Thursday night.

Lion Skipper Bobby Barbier, who earlier in the week had been named the SLC Coach of the Year, sent Brennan Stuprich to the hill, who was also tabbed as the Southland's Pitcher of the Year. Unfortunately, the Privateers got to the senior righty with three in the top of the first, followed by two more in the second, setting the tone in a 10-6 first round upset to send the Lions into the elimination bracket.

Stuprich dropped to 9-5 on the year after giving up six runs, four of them earned, in five innings of work. Ben Robichaux homered and tripled in the loss. Jude Hall and Bailyn Sorensen added round trippers in the loss.

Friday, the Lions entered the contest with McNeese with their backs against the wall, with the loser being knocked out of the tournament. The Cowboys came to Hammond in mid-March, taking two out of three from SLU, and it looked like it would be more of the same after the Pokes took a 3-0 lead after the first inning. A pair of big innings late in the contest saved the day however, with Southeastern knocking out the guests from Lake Charles, 7-4.

Trailing 3-0 in the top of the seventh, SLU's Giovanni Licciardi laid down a sac bunt that was misplayed, allowing Conner O'Neal to score from second. Later in the frame, a Peyton Woods double down the left field line tied things at three when Logan Walters and Licciardi crossed home plate.

After a scoreless eighth, an improbable 2-out rally started with a Parker Coley RBI single down the left field line that drove in Jude Hall to give Southeastern its first lead of the tournament. After a walk to Dane Watts, T.J. Salvaggio made it 6-3 with a double to right center.

A Walters double plated Salvaggio to cap the four-run inning. McNeese struck back with a solo homer in the bottom half, but the Cowboys would get no closer.

The win went to the Southland's Relief Pitcher of the Year, Brady St. Pierre. The freshman from Laplace went three and two thirds, giving up only one run to improve to 2-1 on the year, setting up the Lions in a Saturday contest with Coach Barbier's former team, Northwestern State.

Both offenses were productive early, each scoring in the first three innings, but the Lion bats cooled off and the Demons exploded late, as Northwestern knocked out their former skipper, 11-8.

NSU scored a run in the top of the first, only to see the home team tie it up on a Salvaggio sac fly that drove in Watts. The Demons retook the lead with another run in the top of the second, but it would not last long.

A pair of solo shots by Walters and Hall gave the Lions a 3-2 edge. For the third straight time, Northwestern added one in the third to tie it up, but a Walters triple to right drove in Woods, Salvaggio, and Watts to untie it, giving the Lions a comfortable 6-3 lead.

In the fourth, the lead stretched to 7 on an O'Neal single up the middle to drive in Coley. NSU struck back with one in fifth, but the Lions got it back in the bottom half on a Coley single that drove in Licciardi for Southeastern's eighth and final run.

The game was scoreless for the next two innings, but the Demons stormed back with a 7-run eighth to knock off the Lions and advance to the championship round (which was won by UNO).

Second team All-Conference selection Blake Lobell got the nod on the hill but got the no-decision after giving up four runs in six complete. Kaleb Howell came on in relief and took the loss, giving up five runs to drop his record to 0-1.

With the loss, Southeastern dropped to 38-16 on the year, including a 22-9 at home and a mark of 22-8 in SLC play. You can read up more on the tournament online at lionsports.net.

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From Page 1

the speedy Detillier for the go ahead run.

The tigers weren't going down without a fight, however. The home team put two on in the bottom half, but Detillier caught a line drive for the game's final out.

Macie LaRue got the start in the circle, giving up three runs in two and a third, earning a no-decision. Lainee Bailey came on in relief and pitched brilliantly. The Walker product did not allow a hit in four and two thirds of shutout ball, improving to 6-1 on the year and claiming the school's first ever win over a national seed.

The win propelled the Green & Gold into the winner's bracket against Nebraska and sent LSU to the loser's bracket against Connecticut on Saturday.

The lone bright spot in the game against the #19 Cornhuskers was Schneider driving in a run against her home state's flagship institution with a first inning RBI that scored Clinton's Shelby Morris. Nebraska went on to a 14-1 win in five innings, marking the first time this season that the Lady Lions were run-ruled.

As luck would have it, that set up a winner-take-all rematch with the Lady Tigers in Saturday's late game. Luckily, that was just enough time for David to reload the slingshot.

A Southland Conference team having a winning streak against a ranked SEC foe is about as common as a four-run inning that featured no hits and only one error. On Saturday, we saw both as the Lady Lions claimed an 8-7 victory in a heart stopper.

After LSU scored one in the top of the first, SLU found themselves in a hole. In the bottom half, the improbable happened. First, Morris reached on a walk, then Chloe Magee laid down a bunt in an attempted sacrifice, but a throwing error let the Watson product reach safely.

Detillier then reached on a fielder's choice that drove in Morris to tie it at one. Schneider also got an FC to load the bases for Albany's Brilee Ford, who drew a walk to make it 2-1.

Two batters later, another free pass, this one to Kulivan, doubled the advantage. The Lady Lions took a 4-1 lead after a Dixon fielder's choice – the third of the frame, drove in pinch-running Fontenot. It would remain that way until the top of the fourth, when the Lady Tigers struck back with three to tie it up.

SLU retook the lead in the bottom of the fifth when a Watson double and an error drove in Schneider. Then a Kulivan FC drove in Broussard to make it 6-4.

LSU answered with two of their own in the top of the sixth, only to see Ford single up the middle to drive in Detillier and give the Lady Lions a 7-6 lead going into the last at-bat. Again, the Tigers answered, tying it at 7, but Shelby Morris reached on a (you guessed it) fielder's choice and Kulivan beat the tag at the plate to score the game winner in walk-off style.

Four pitchers saw action. LaRue got the start, giving up four runs in three and a third. Bailey went one scoreless complete, and Hallie Burns went one and a third, giving up two. Britney Lewinski picked up the W, running her record to 10-5, going the final one and a third.

The victory set up a rematch with Nebraska on Sunday with a berth in the Super Regionals on the line. Two wins by Southeastern would send them to the round of sixteen. Sadly, the Cornhuskers had other ideas, knocking out the Lady Lions, 8-0.

Southeastern finishes the 2025 season with a school-record fifty wins, as well as their second straight Southland Conference Tournament title and back-to-back visits to the NCAA.

You can read up more on how David slayed Goliath on the web by visiting Southeastern's official website, lionsports.net.

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Tulane Swept in Series Against Charlotte

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Tulane Green Wave baseball team was swept in a three-game series against the Charlotte 49ers.

The sweep was particularly bad because it was against an American Athletic Conference (AAC) opponent and was the last series before the American Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament this week.

The Green Wave are the defending American Athletic Conference Baseball Champions, having won the tournament last two years in a row and earning a spot in the NCAA baseball playoffs in 2023 and 2024.

Tulane's overall record is 30-24. The Green Wave's record is 13-14 in the American Athletic Conference.

The Charlotte 49ers shut out the Olive and Blue 5-0 in the first game of the series. It was only the second time this baseball season Tulane was shut out.

Game two of the series was even worse, with Tulane losing 12-1 in a seven-inning run-rule shortened game.

Game three was closer; the Green Wave only lost by four runs 20-16.

All three games illustrated Tulane's big weakness – lack of depth in the pitching staff. When an opponent scores 12 runs in one game and 20 runs in the next, it shows pitching weakness. In baseball, pitching is a team's first line of defense. If pitching is weak, the other team is going to score a lot of runs.

NEXT UP for the Green Wave is the American Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament in Clearwater, Florida. All Tulane baseball games in the AAC Baseball Tournament are broadcast live over the air on WRBH 88.3 FM and on the internet at the WRBH website. Every game of the AAC Baseball Tournament will also be streamed live on the internet by ESPN+.

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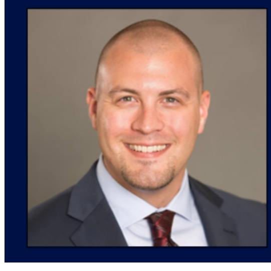

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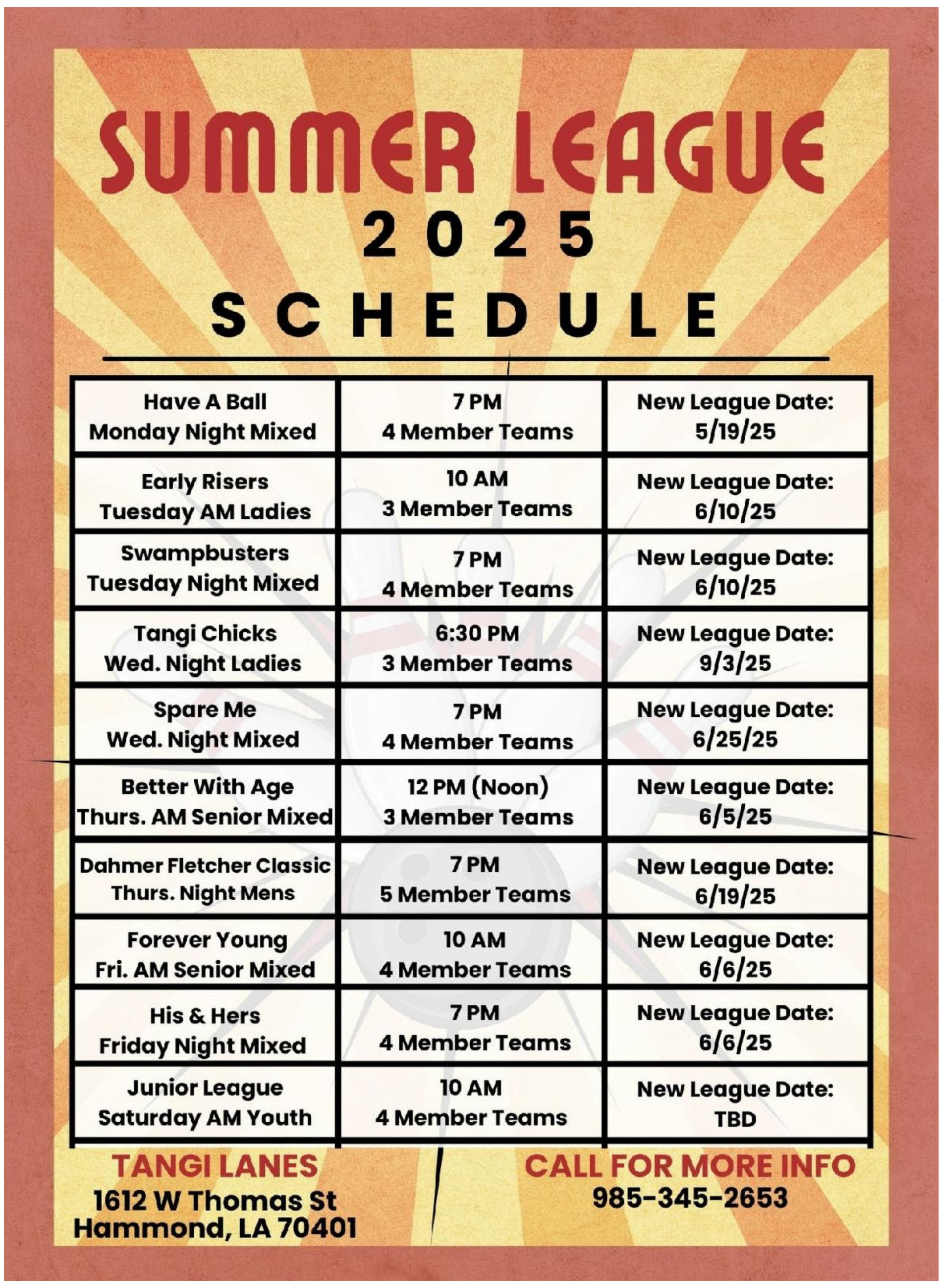

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Hot Hair Summer

By STEFANIE BROOKE
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Summertime in Louisiana means backyard BBQs, afternoon thunderstorms, sweet tea on the porch – and let's be real – some serious hair drama. Between the blazing sun, chlorine-filled pools, salty Gulf breezes, and humidity levels that could curl a brick, your hair goes through a lot from May to September. Whether you rock braids, beach waves, a buzz cut, or a beignet bun (you know the one – messy, fluffy, and held together with hope), keeping your hair healthy in this heat is no small feat.

Before you even step outside and start to melt like a snowball, give your hair a little prep work. Think of it like sunscreen for your strands. Spritz on a leave-in conditioner or UV protectant spray (yes, those exist) and coat your hair with a little extra love.

If you're heading to the pool or beach, soak your hair in clean water first. Hair acts like a sponge, and if it's already wet, it'll absorb less chlorine or salt. It's basically the hair version of "don't shop hungry."

During your summer shenanigans, protect your hair like you would your skin. If you're lounging at the beach or spending hours outside, toss on a wide-brimmed hat or a cute scarf. Not only will you look like the mysterious main character in a Southern summer romance novel, but you'll also shield your scalp and hair from UV damage.

And if you're taking frequent dips in the pool, consider a swim cap – not the old-school rubbery kind (unless you're going for vintage chic), but a modern, stylish one that doesn't scream "synchronized swimmer."

And yes, we know it's tempting, but try to go easy on the hot tools. Flat irons and curling wands plus Louisiana's natural heat equals one big frizzy science experiment. Embrace your natural texture or trick it into behaving with braids, buns, or twist-outs that require zero heat and look fabulous even in 97% humidity.

After a day of fun in the sun, your hair deserves a little spa treatment. Rinse it as soon as you can, especially after swimming. Chlorine and salt water can dry out your hair faster than a sidewalk in August.

Follow up with a deep conditioner or hair mask at least once a week to restore moisture and shine. And don't forget your scalp; give it a gentle massage while shampooing to keep it healthy and flake-free.

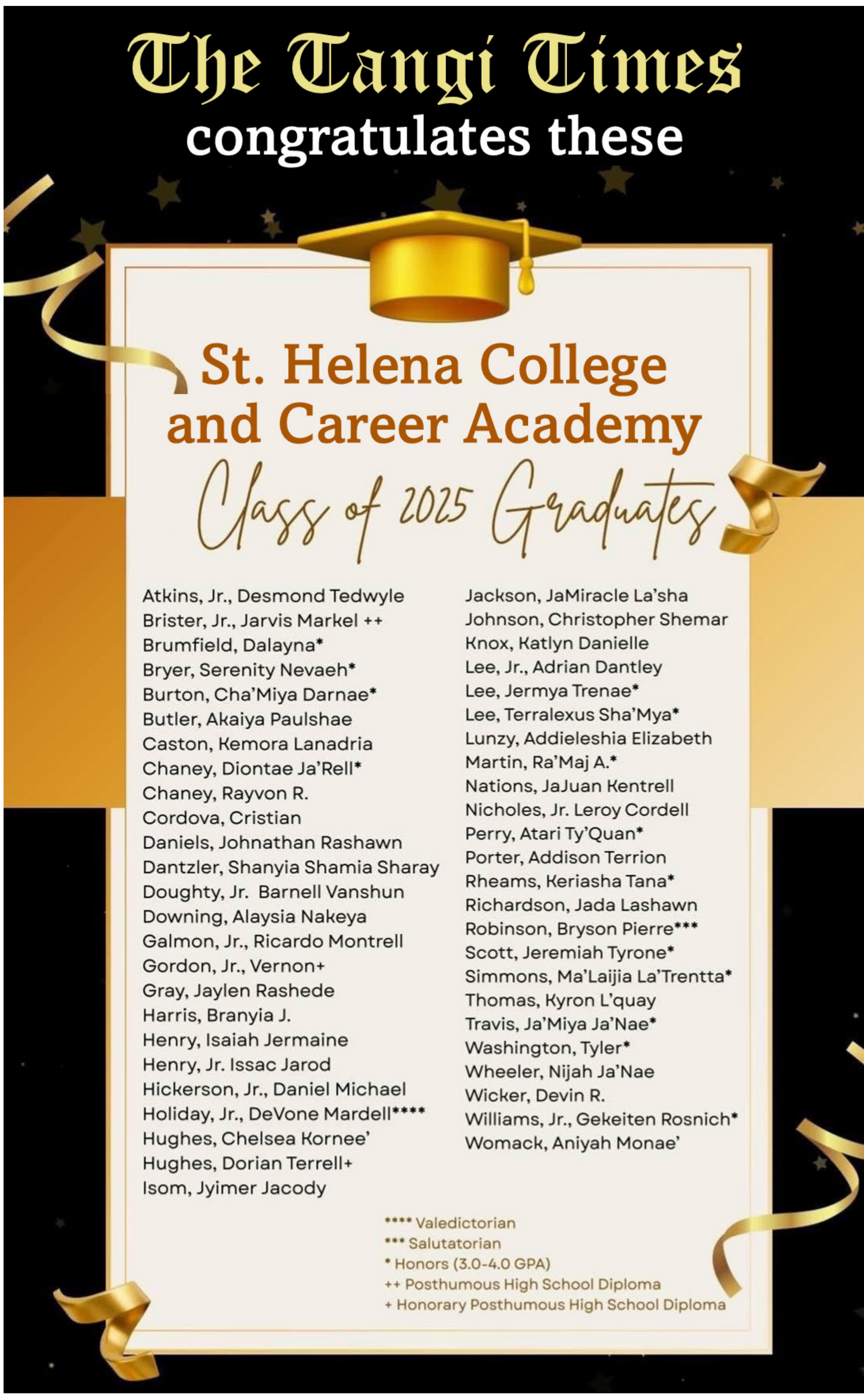
For those rocking color-treated hair, consider using products specifically made for color protection. The sun can fade hair dye, so don't let all that salon work go to waste.

And if you're going blonde, just know that chlorine loves turning those golden locks a nice shade of swampy green. A clarifying shampoo once a week can help keep brassiness and buildup at bay.

At the end of the day, summer hair doesn't have to be a battle. A little planning, a few smart products, and some good old-fashioned Southern sense can keep your mane happy and healthy all season long.

So go ahead – dive into the pool, soak up the sunshine, dance in the sprinkler with your kids. Just remember, your hair's along for the ride, and it deserves some TLC too.

Because in Louisiana, the weather might be unpredictable, the humidity might be relentless, but your hair? Your hair can still thrive like a crepe myrtle in July with a little help and a lot of hydration.



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Amite Arts Council Summer Art and Drama Camps

From Amite Arts Council

The Amite Arts Council will be hosting Summer Visual Art and Drama Camps this summer. The camps are open to students entering the 4th through 8th grades.

The Drama camp will be June 16-20 and will be presented by the children's theatre troupe The New Octavians in Hammond. The students will learn acting and stage movement skills that will displayed in a short play staged on the last day of the camp. The camp will be held in the Amite Community Center from 10am-2pm.

The Visual Art Camp will be held June 23-27. The camp will be taught by nationally recognized artist and book illustrator Marita Gentry. The camp will explore the styles of famous painters throughout history. It will also be held in the Amite Community Center from 10am-2pm. On the last afternoon of the camp, there will be an art show to display what the students have created.

Registration for each camp is $20. There will be a $10 refund if your child completes the camp.

Registration begins May 14. To register, a parent will need to go to Amite City Hall to register and pay the registration fee. The class size for each camp is limited to 15.

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